Dewan's reply.—Commended to the Public Works Department.

Subject No. 268.

Revival of power to Inamdars to exact Bitti, Begari, &c.

Summary of discussion.—Inamdars should be invested to a certain defined extent with the power to exact what is known by the name of "Bitti Begari" (impressed labor).

Dewan's reply.—The times are changed and this is no longer practicable.

Subject No. 269.

Irregularity in the hot-weather Supply of water in River-Channels.

Summary of discussion.—There is considerable irregularity in the hot-weather supply of water in river-channels.

Dewan's reply.—A programme of dates for letting water into the various channels has been drawn up and must be adhered to. Thereby head sluices of the various channels will be opened by rotation and water will be supplied at sufficient intervals as far as the supply in the river will allow.

Subject No. 270.

Establishment of Taluk at Talkad.

Summary of discussion.—Talkad is an ancient and historical place. A Taluk Cutcherry should be re-established there.

Dewan's reply.—The town is getting buried in sand and cannot be made the Head-quarters of a Taluk. Sites for re-building the town are what are more required and can be granted.

Subject No. 271.

Amildars should be 2nd Class Magistrates and Taluk Sheristadars 3rd Class Magistrates.

Summary of discussion.—Amildars should be 2nd Class Magistrates, and Taluk Sheristadars should be invested with 3rd Class Magisterial powers as in British Territory. This will expedite disposal of Criminal work and conduce to public convenience.

Dewan's reply.—Recorded.

Subject No. 272.

Railway connection between French Rocks and Hassan.

Summary of discussion.—A Railway should be laid from French Rocks to Hassan.

Dewan's reply.—Too expensive for immediate consideration.

Subject No. 273.

Site selected for the new Taluk Cutcherry at Attikuppa objectionable.

Summary of discussion.—The site now selected for the new Taluk Cutcherry at Attikuppa is objectionable in several respects, such as proximity to the Holagere and toddy shop, distance from town and places of business, &c. A better site is available in the town with all advantages, such as proximity to tope, chattram and town, &c. It is somewhat lower than the one selected, but not so as to be objectionably low.

Dewan's reply.—(After consultation with the Executive Engineer who was present). The Deputy Commissioner and the Executive Engineer will inspect the various alternative sites and select the most suitable under the circumstances.

Subject No. 274.

Restoration of Gopalpura Anikat across the Cauvery River.

Summary of discussion.—The idea of restoring the Gopalpura Anikat across the Cauvery River should be considered.

Dewan's reply.—It seems to have been considered in the Public Works Department. But the great difficulty here again is the want of people to cultivate the land which may be made irrigable. The climate there is malarious and inhospitable to settlers.

Subject No. 275.

Restoration of Ramanahalli Anikat near Hunsur.

Summary of discussion.—Ramanahalli Anikat on the Lakshmantirtha River near Hunsur should be restored.

Dewan's reply.—The water in the river is not sufficient for the channels from existing anikats. An additional anikat seems therefore inexpedient.

Subject No. 276.

Deputy Amildar required at Periyapatna.

Summary of discussion.—A Deputy Amildar's Cutcherry is required at Periyapatna. The Hunsur Taluk is too large a taluk for an Amildar. Formerly there was a Peshkar to assist the Amildar.

Dewan's reply.—Recorded.

Subject No. 277.

Minor Forest produce on Raiyats' holdings should be sold only to Government Contractors.

Summary of discussion.—Government revenue from its minor Forest produce such as gallnuts, &c., suffers by the facilities which exist for raiyats competing with similar produce of their own lands and by those who grow such produce to a limited extent stealing Government property and passing it off with impunity as their own. Raiyats should therefore be bound to sell their produce only to the Government Contractor.

Dewan's reply.—Impossible.

Subject No. 278.

Government Minor Forest produce should be sold when trees are in bearing.

Summary of discussion.—Minor Forest produce is sold in April and May. It should be sold later in the year when the trees are in bearing. This would help intending purchasers to judge better what they may offer at auction. Bees' wax, honey, horns and such like may be sold in April and May as at present.

Dewan's reply.—The subject will be referred to the Forest Department for consideration.